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Jaya and Vijaya, the guards at Vishnu's abode, were vain and rude and were cursed to be born thrice in the world of mortals. The contrite guards were subsequently permitted one concession: they would be killed in each of their separate births by one of the incarnations of Vishnu.

Thus first they were born as Hiranyaksha and Hiranyakashipu, next as Ravana and Kumbhakarna and last as Shishupala and Dantavaktra.

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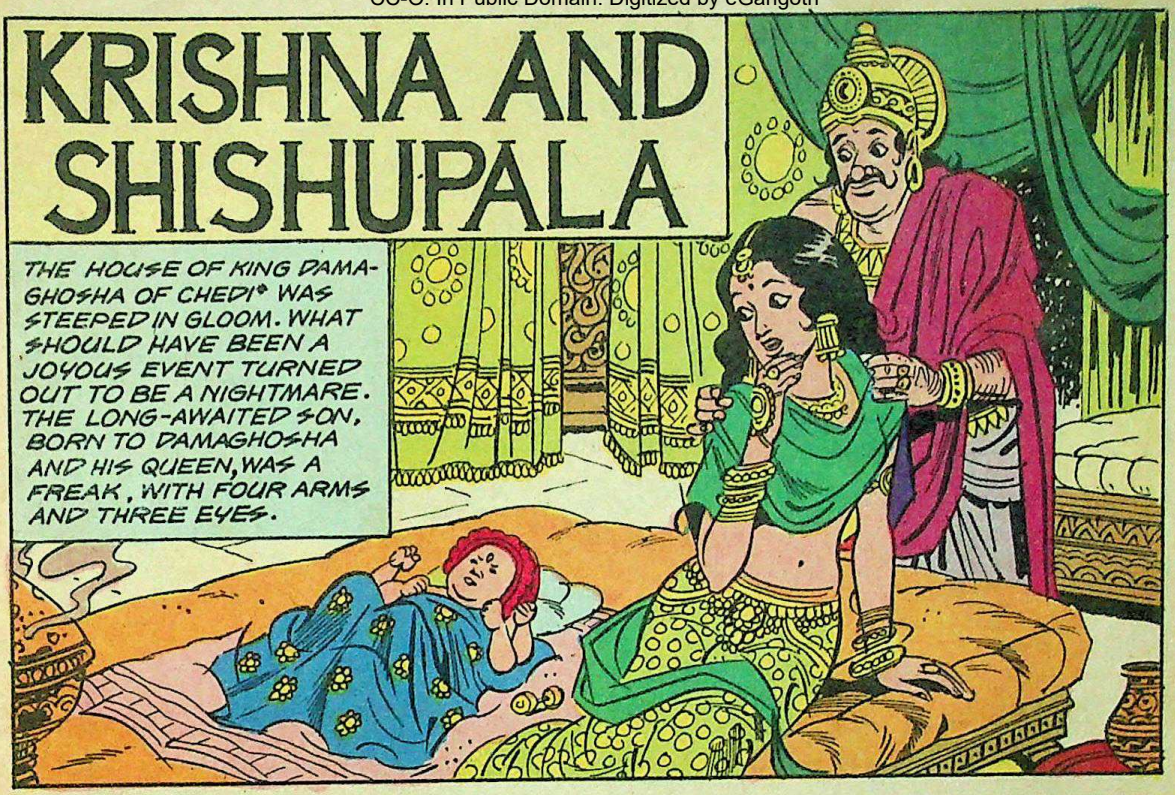

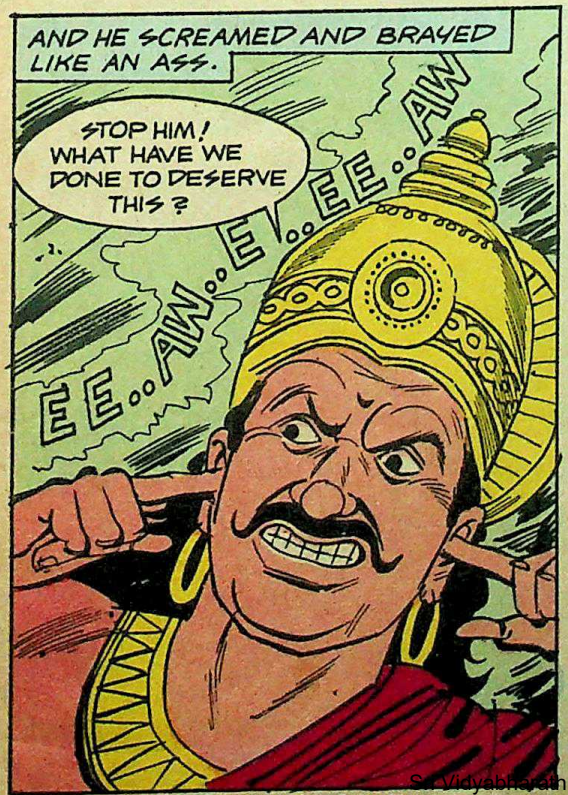

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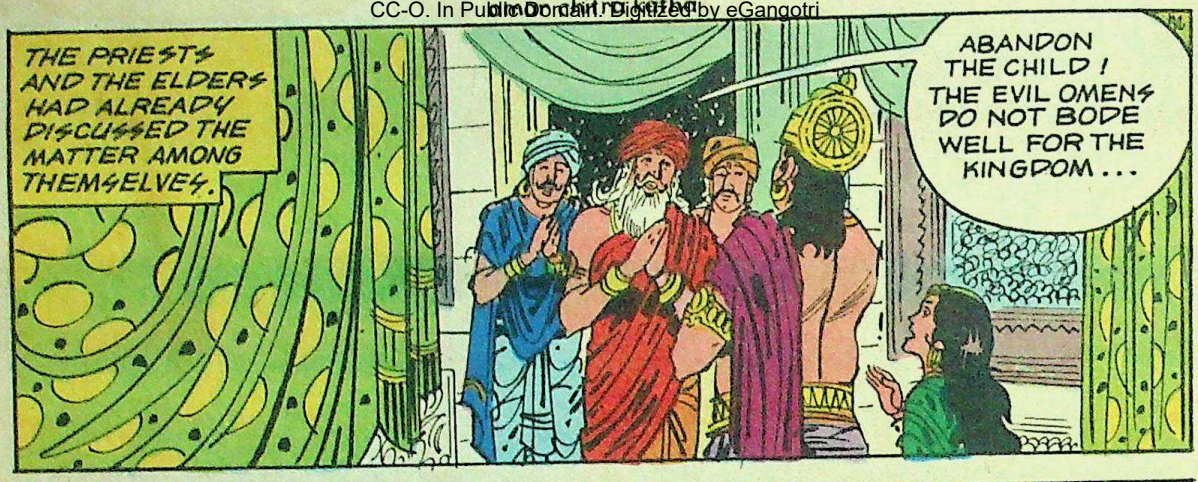

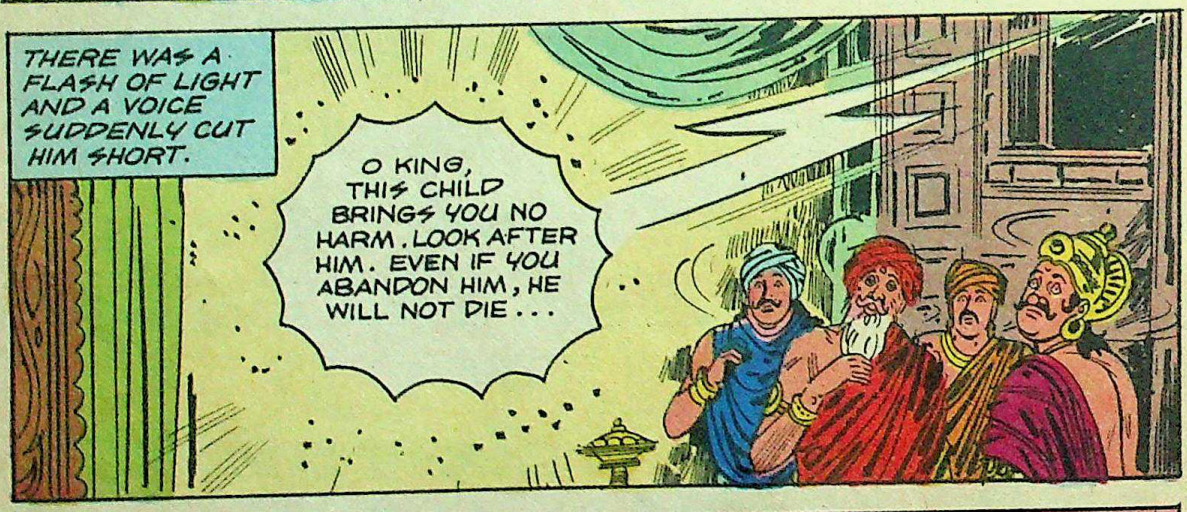

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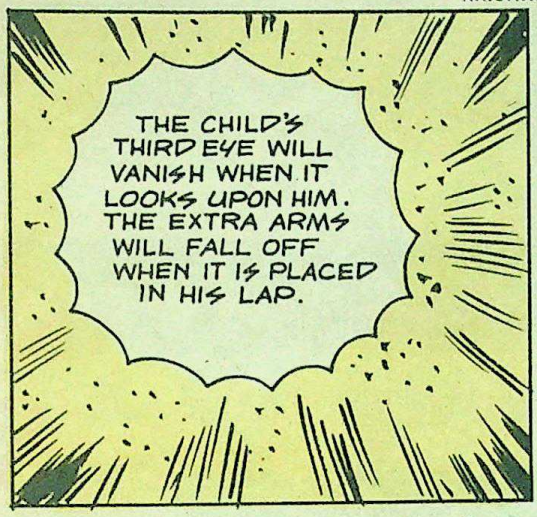

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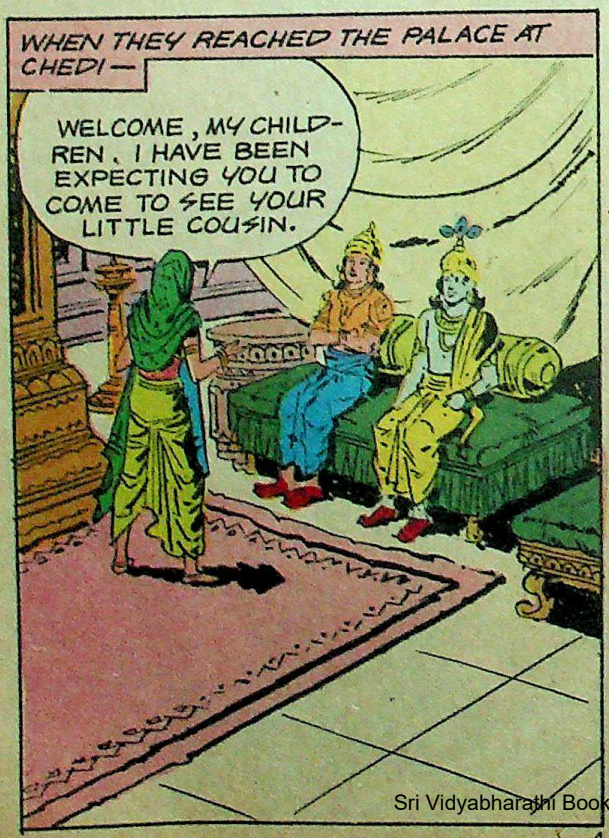

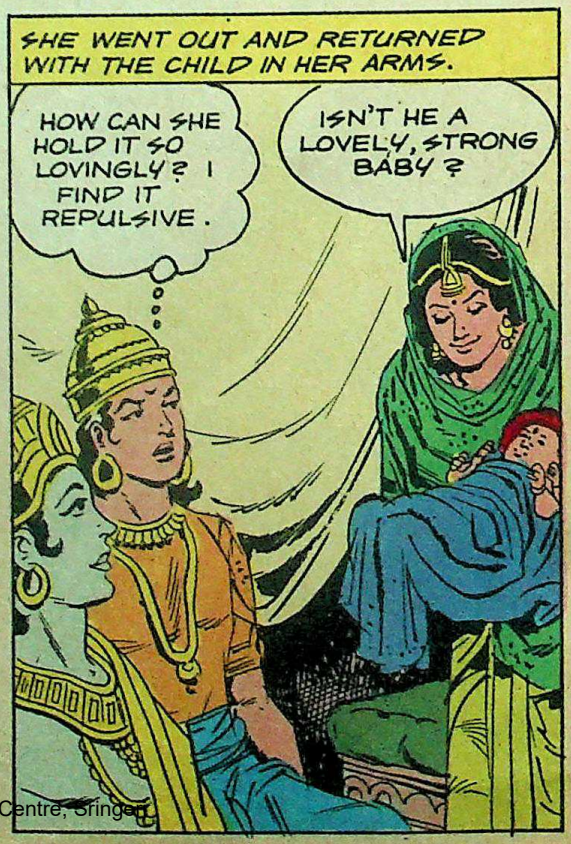

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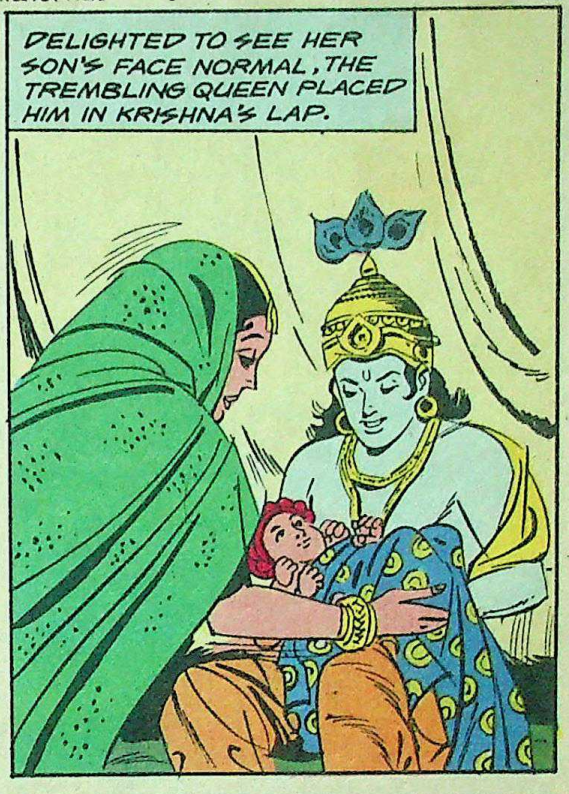

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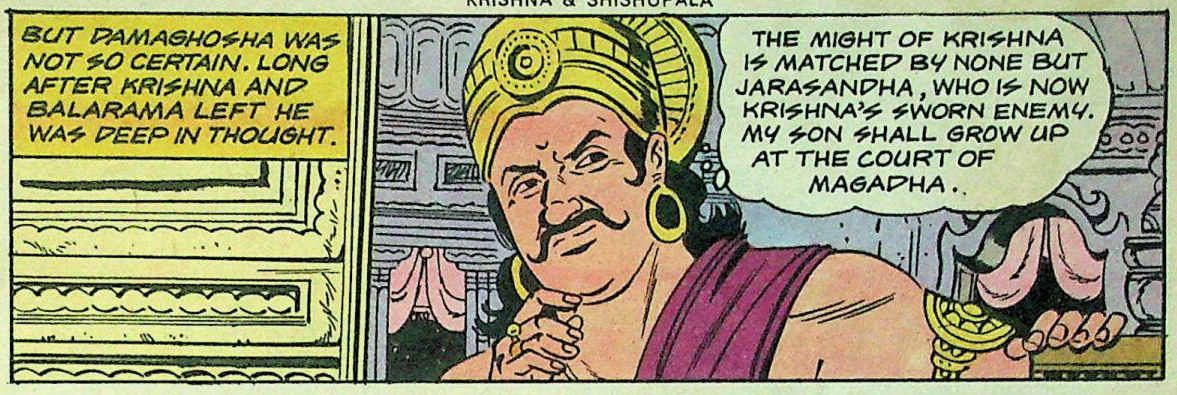

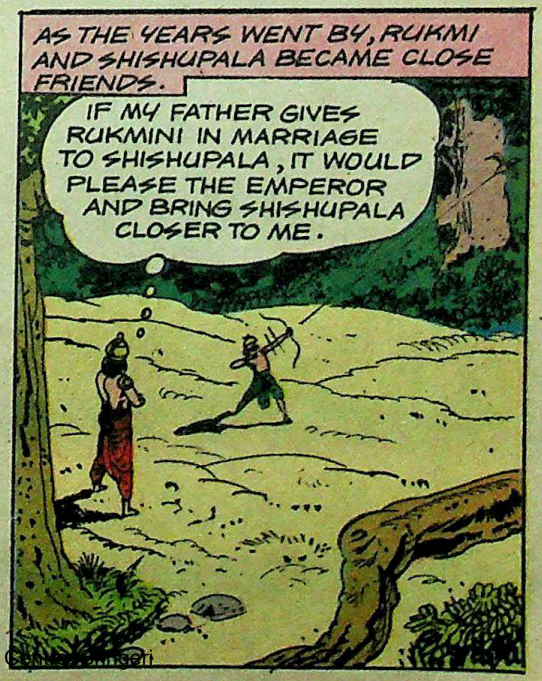

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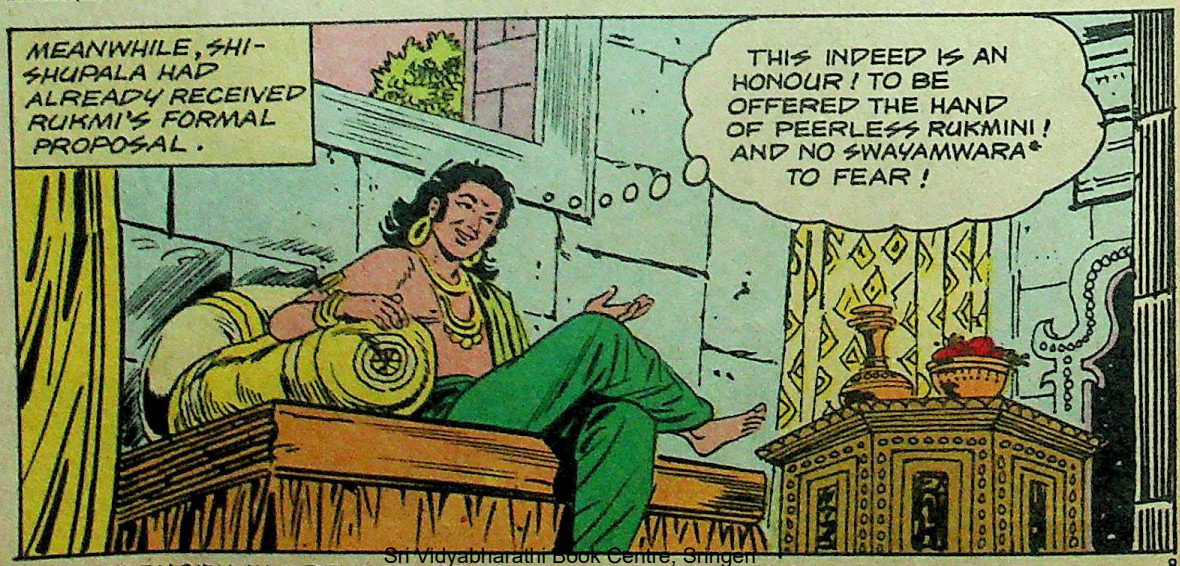

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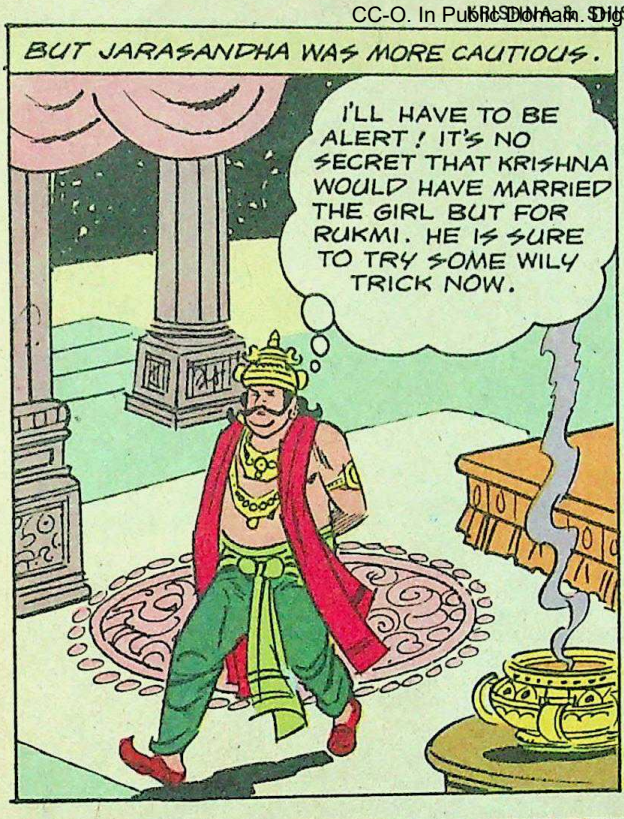

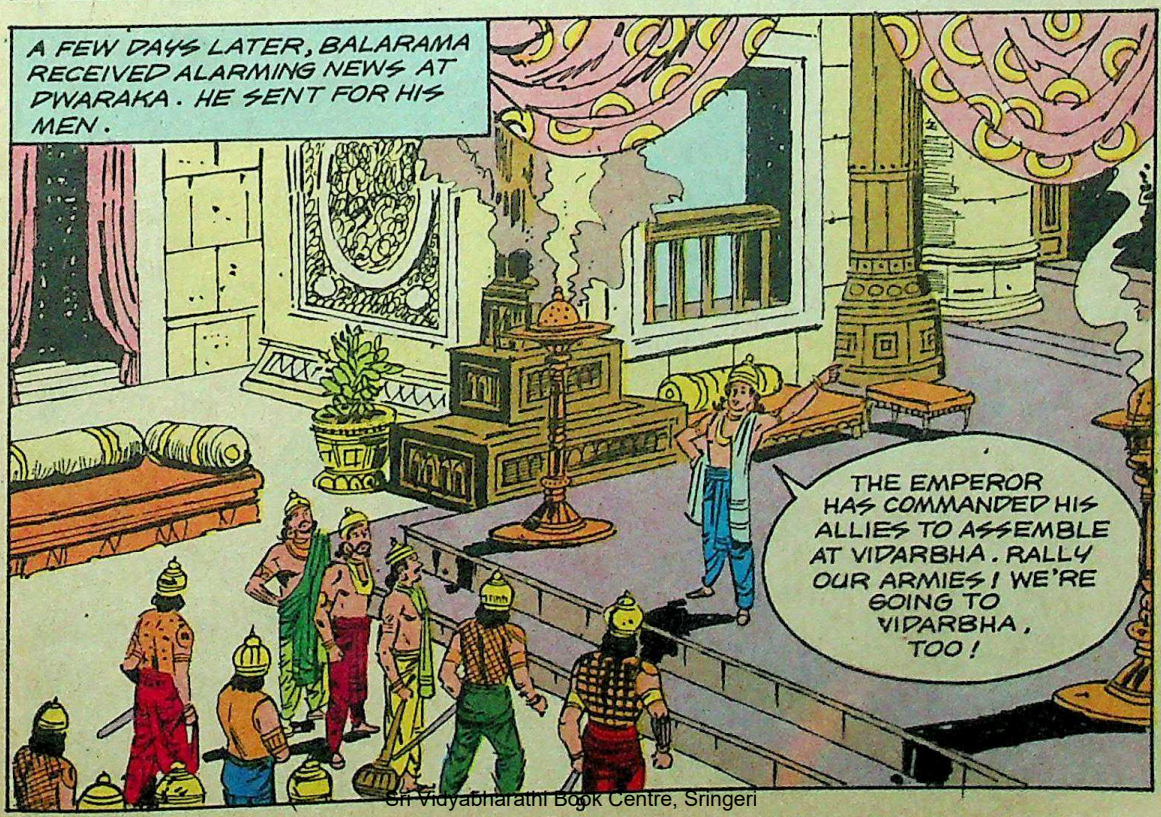

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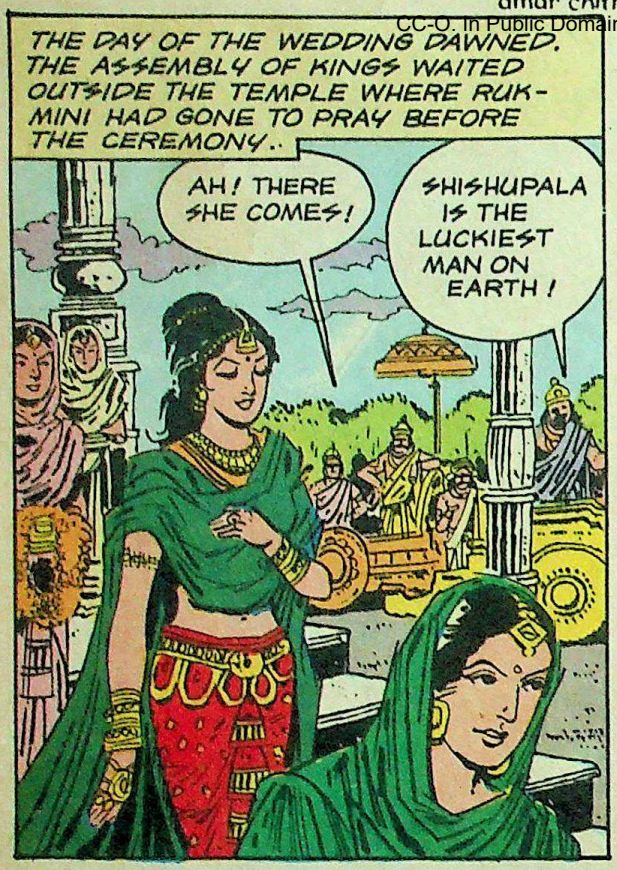

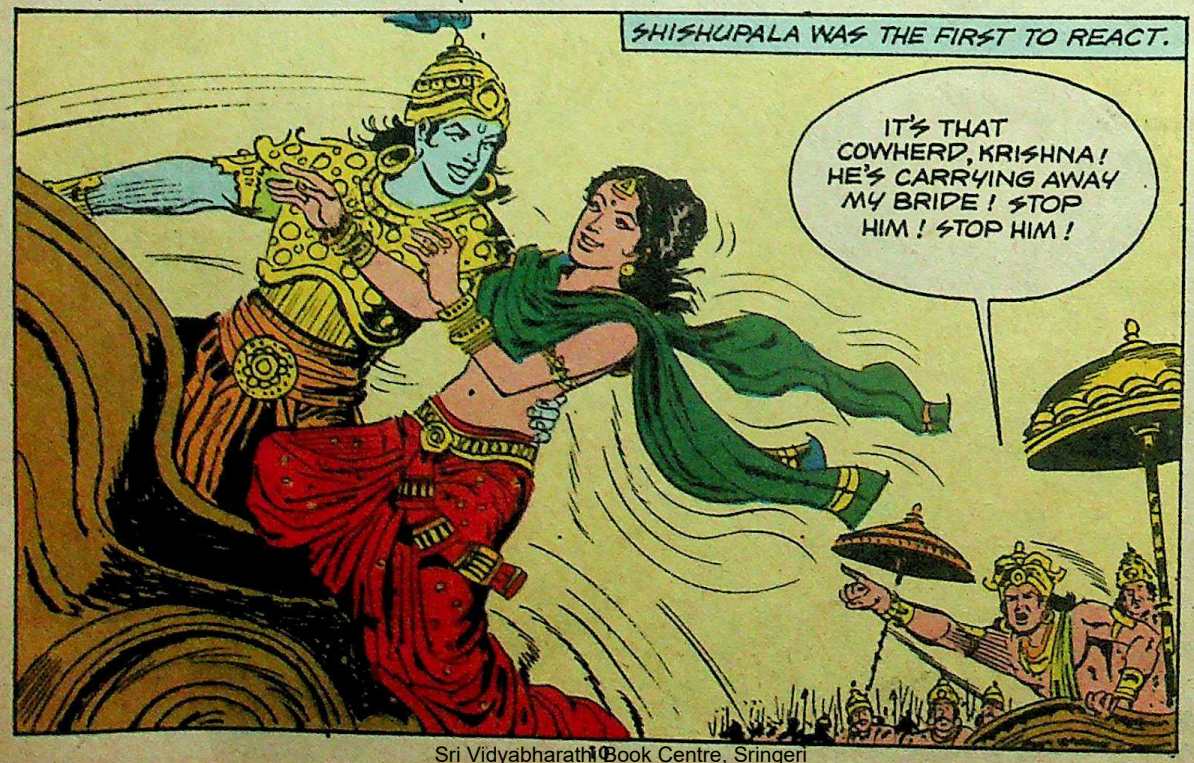

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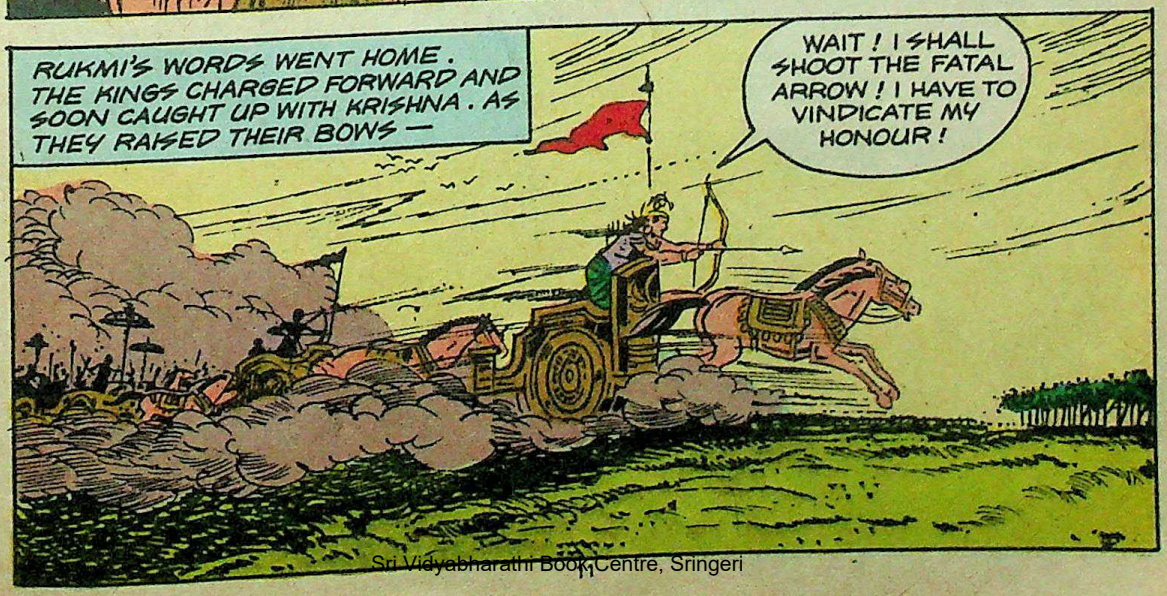

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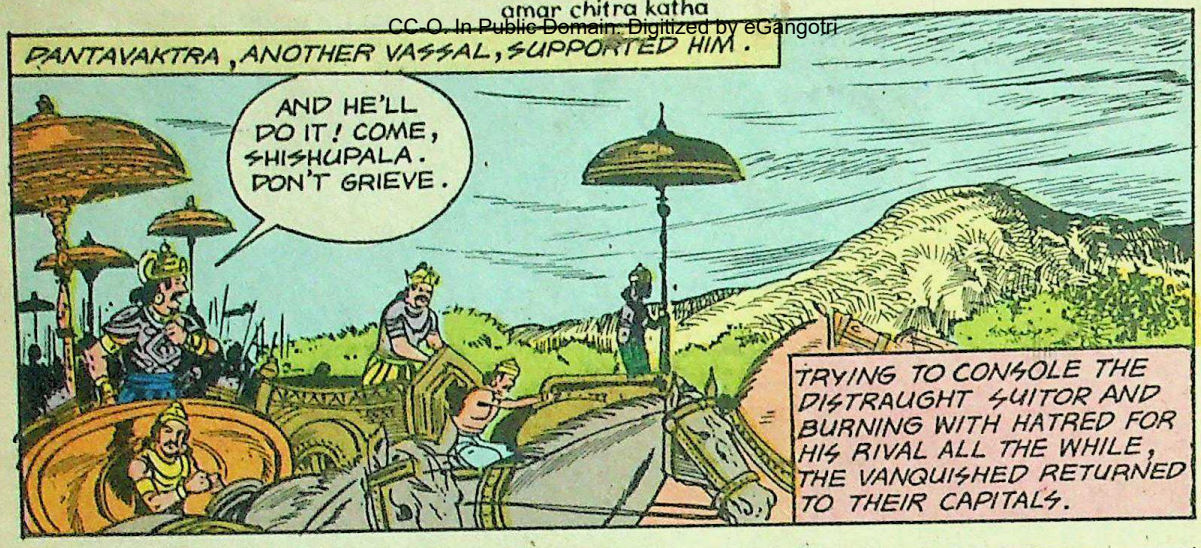

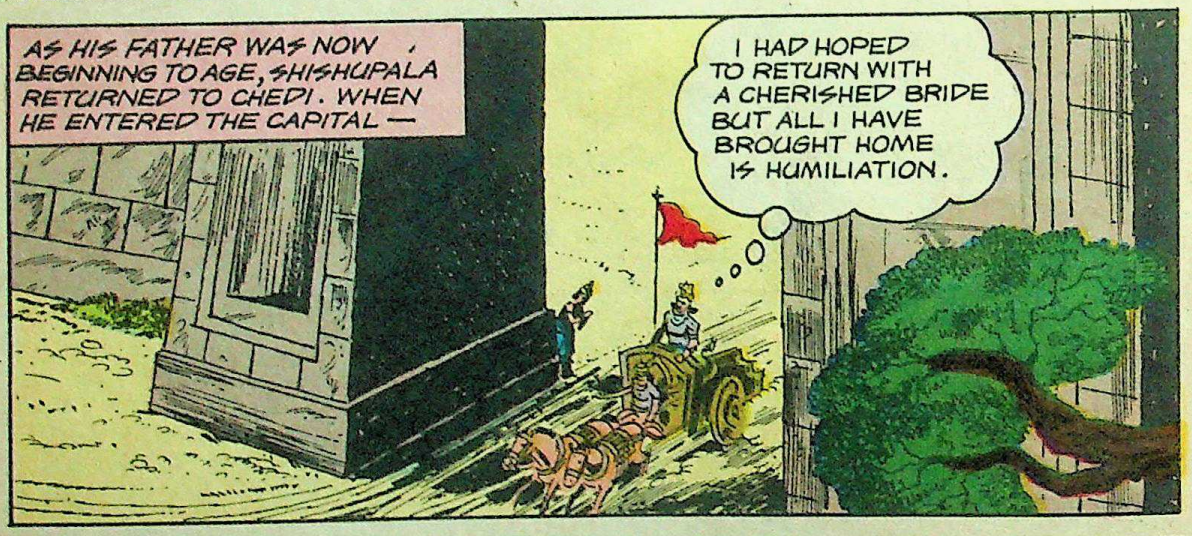

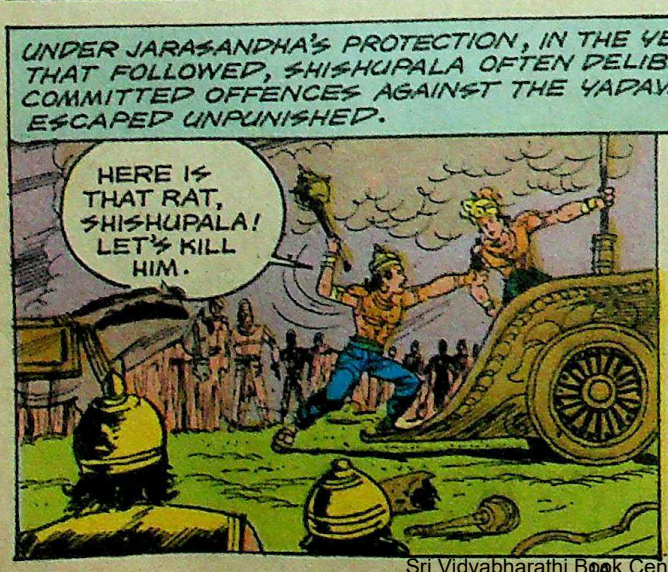

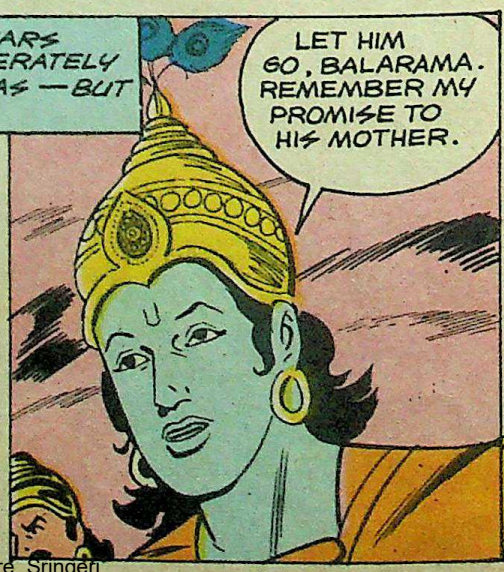

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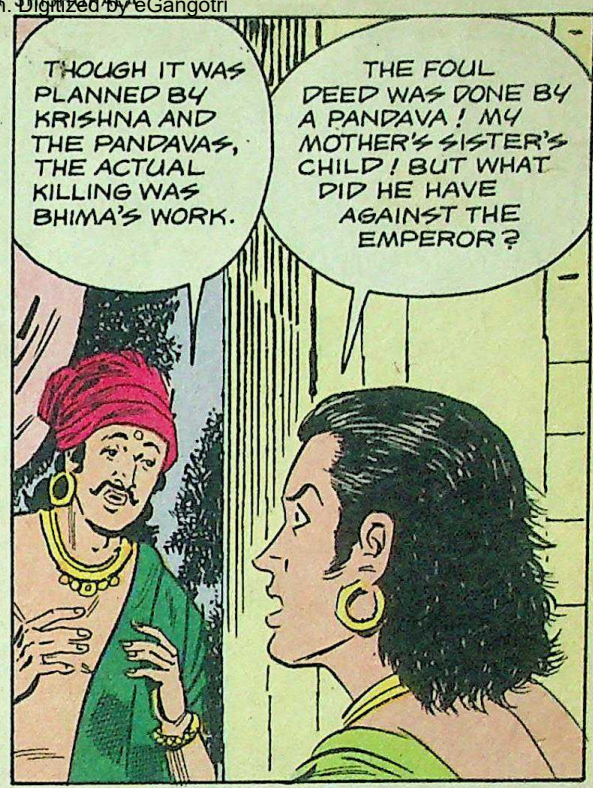

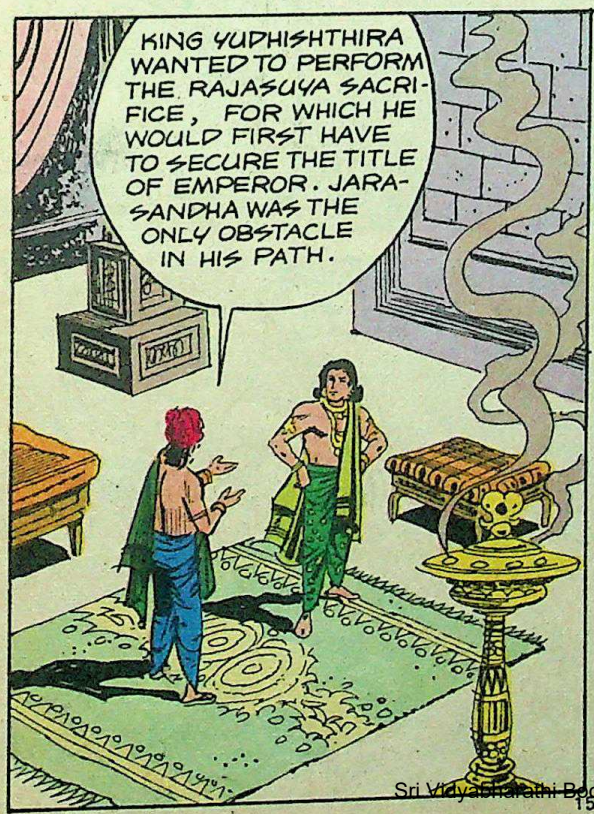

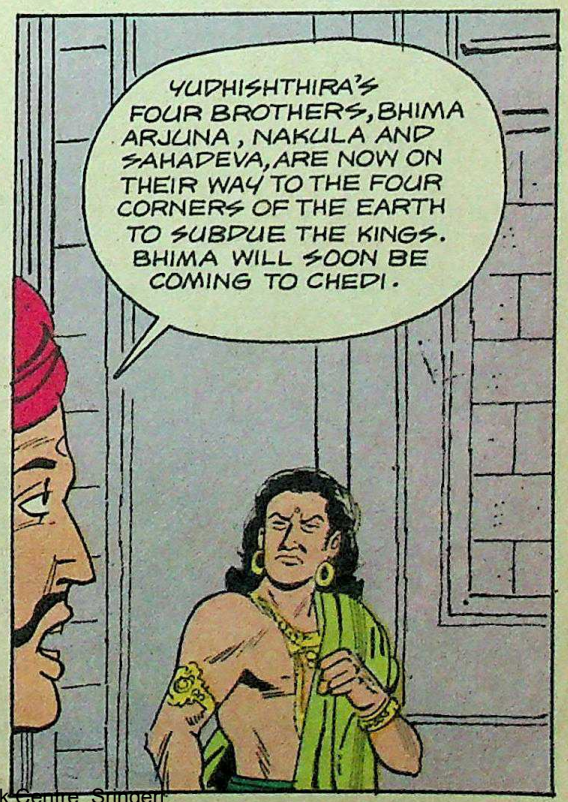

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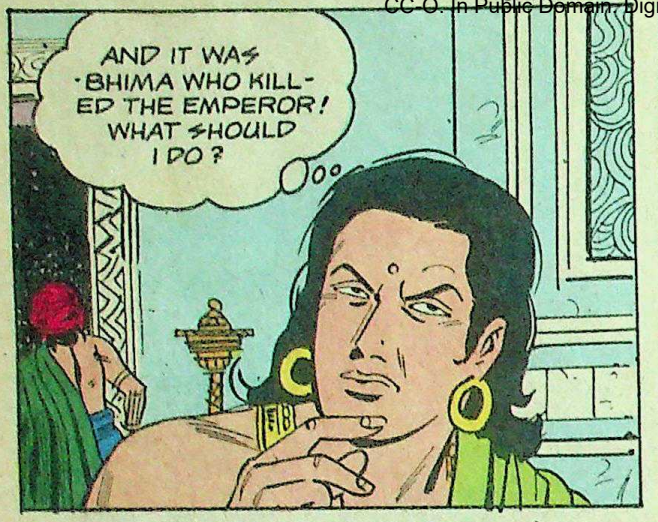

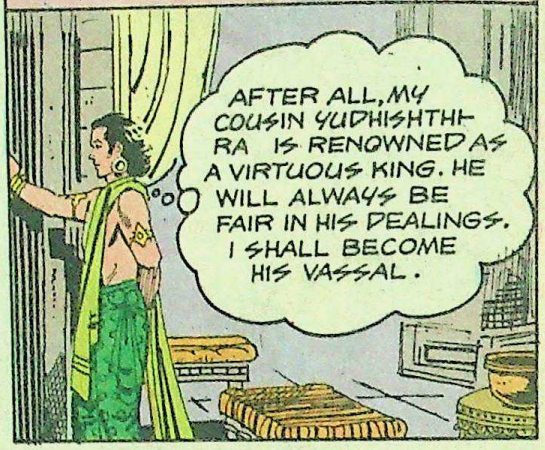

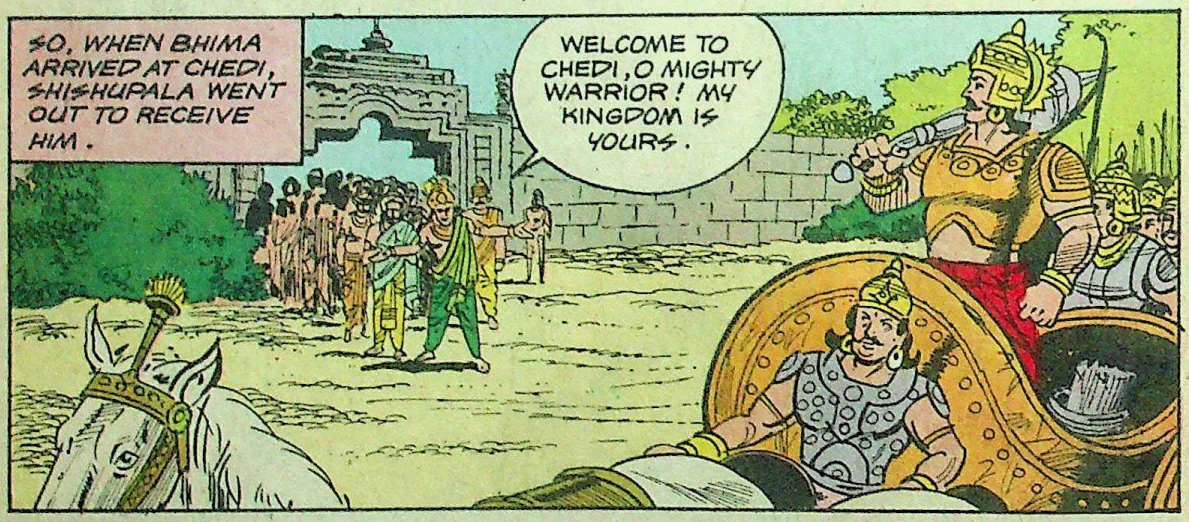

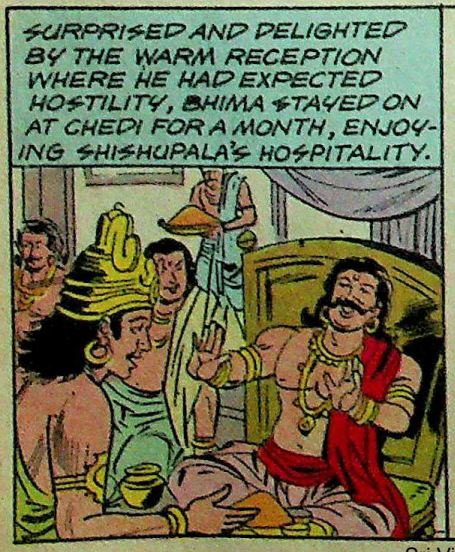

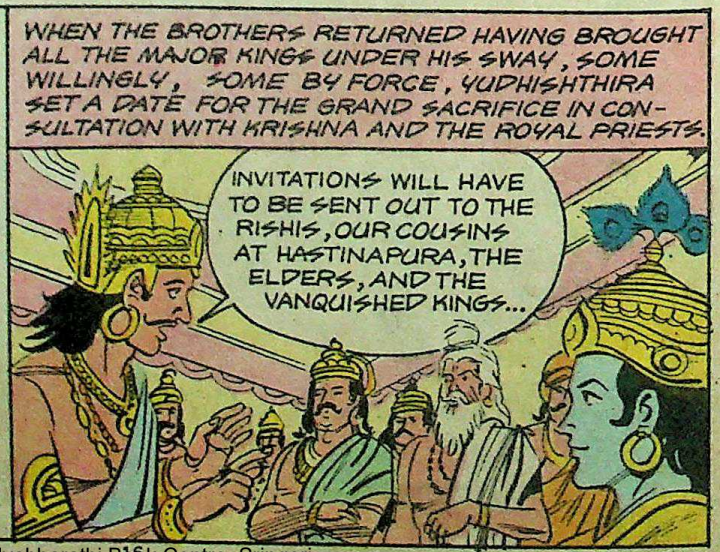

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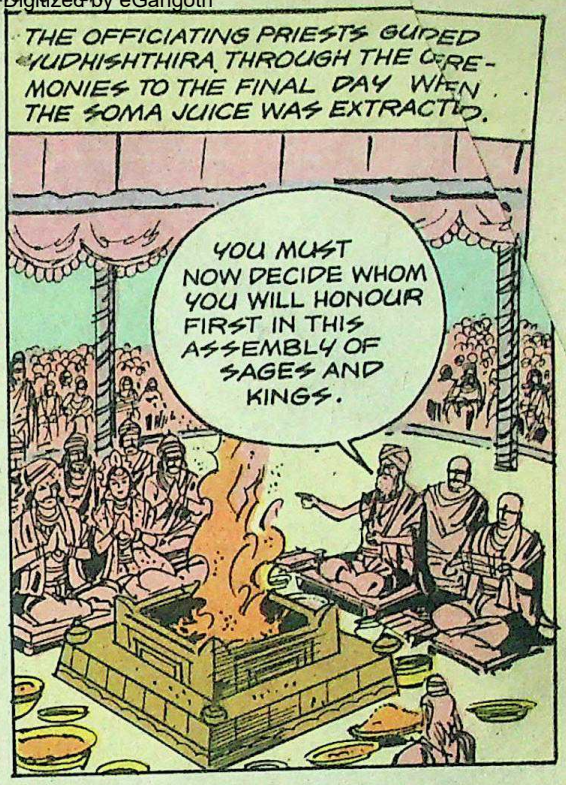

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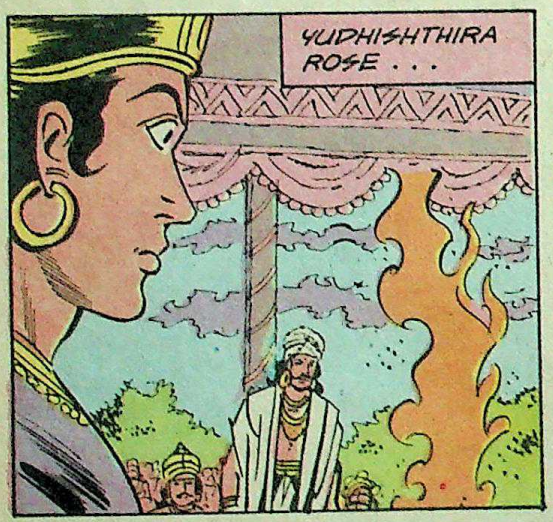

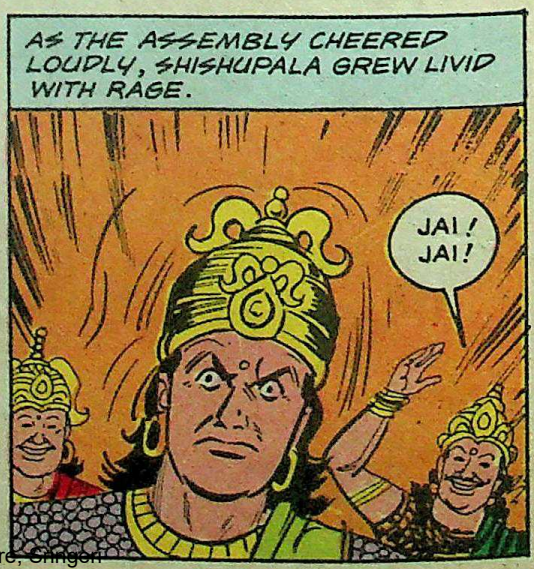

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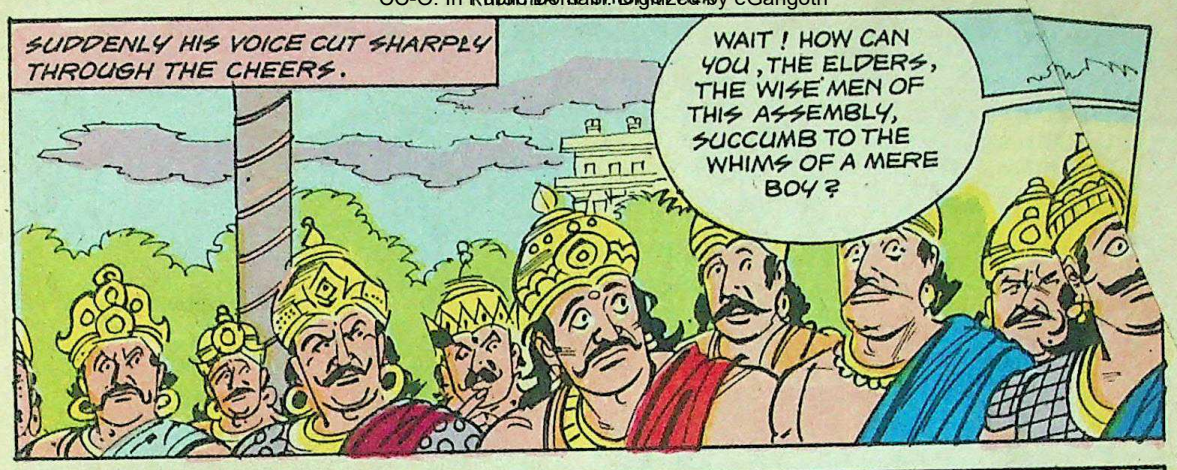

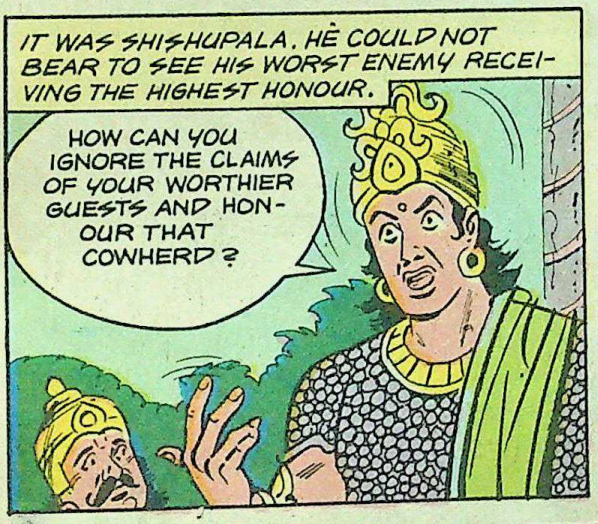

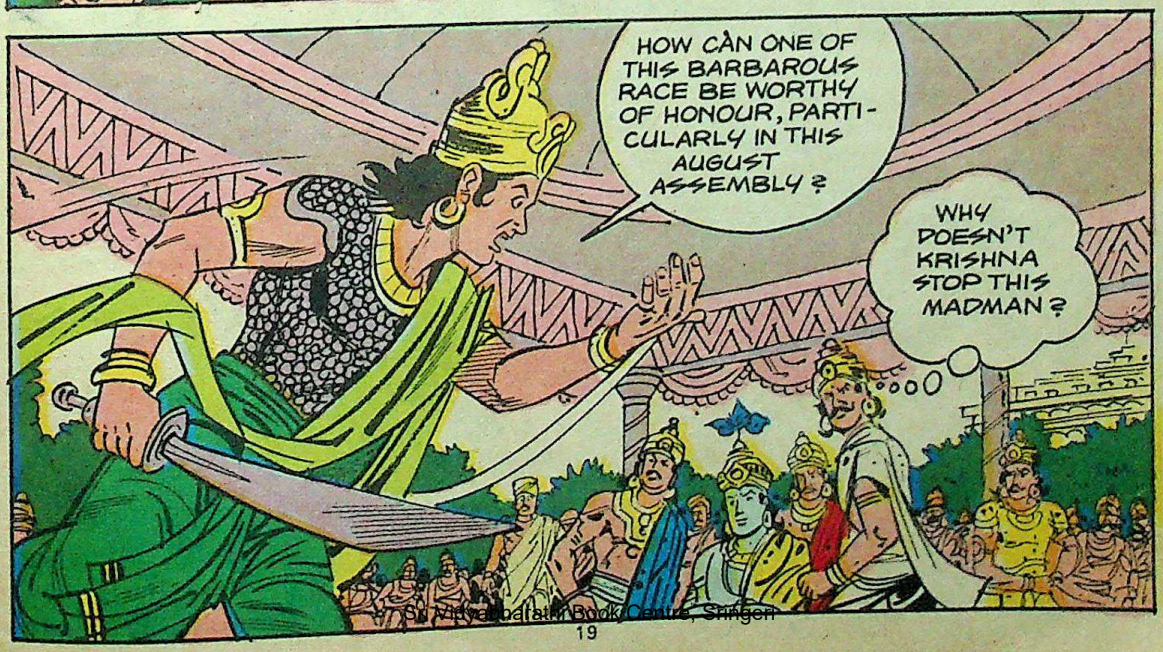

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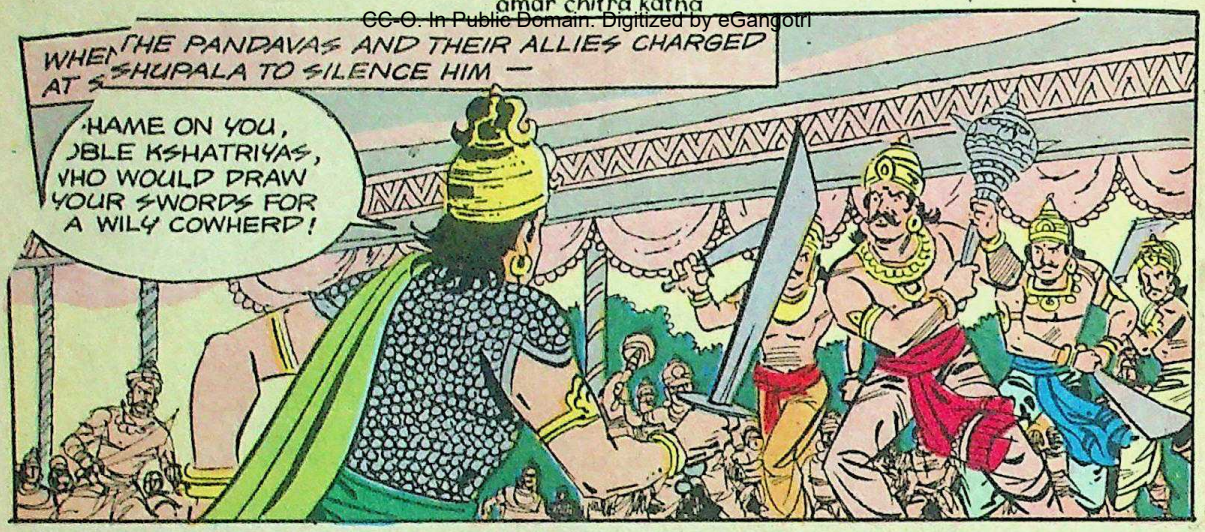

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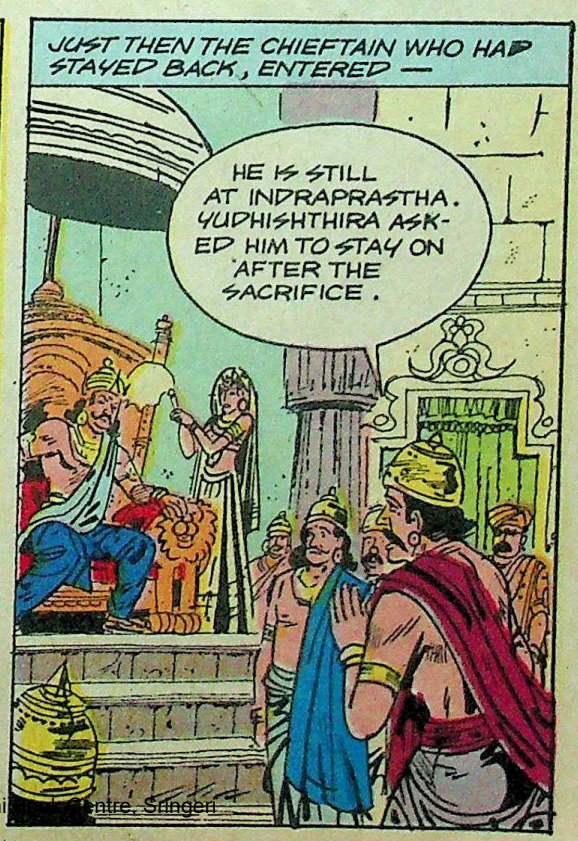

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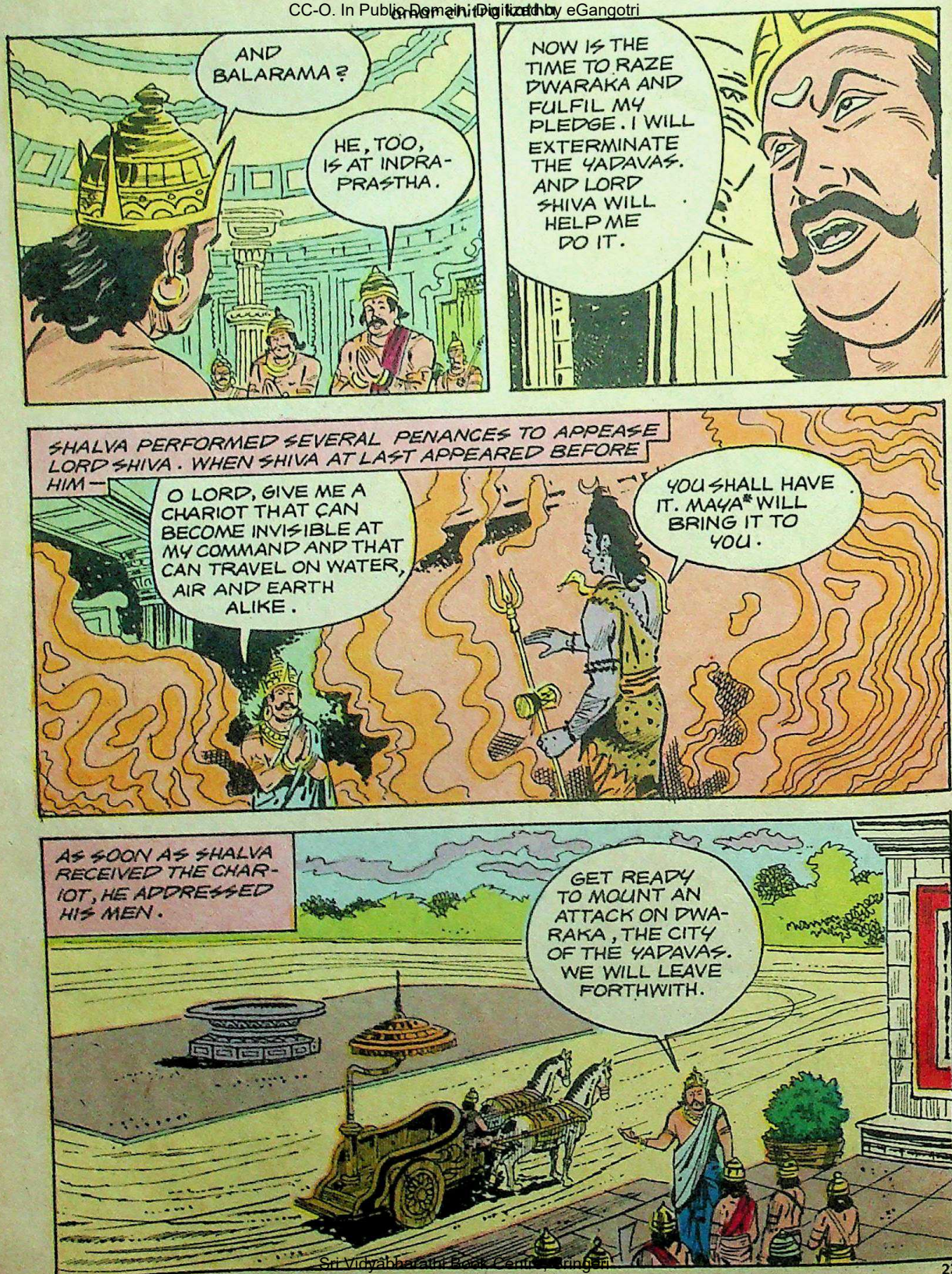

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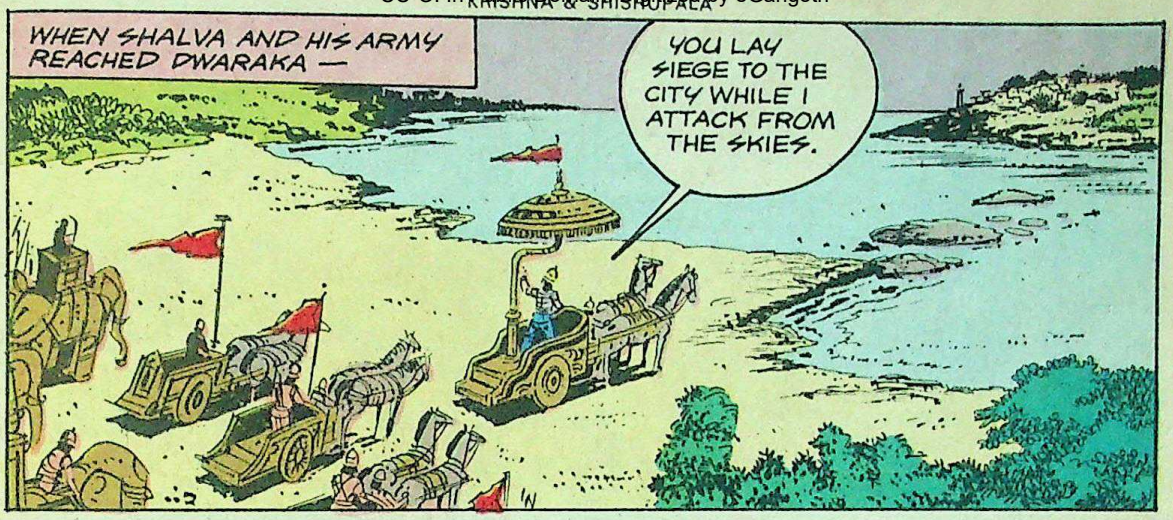

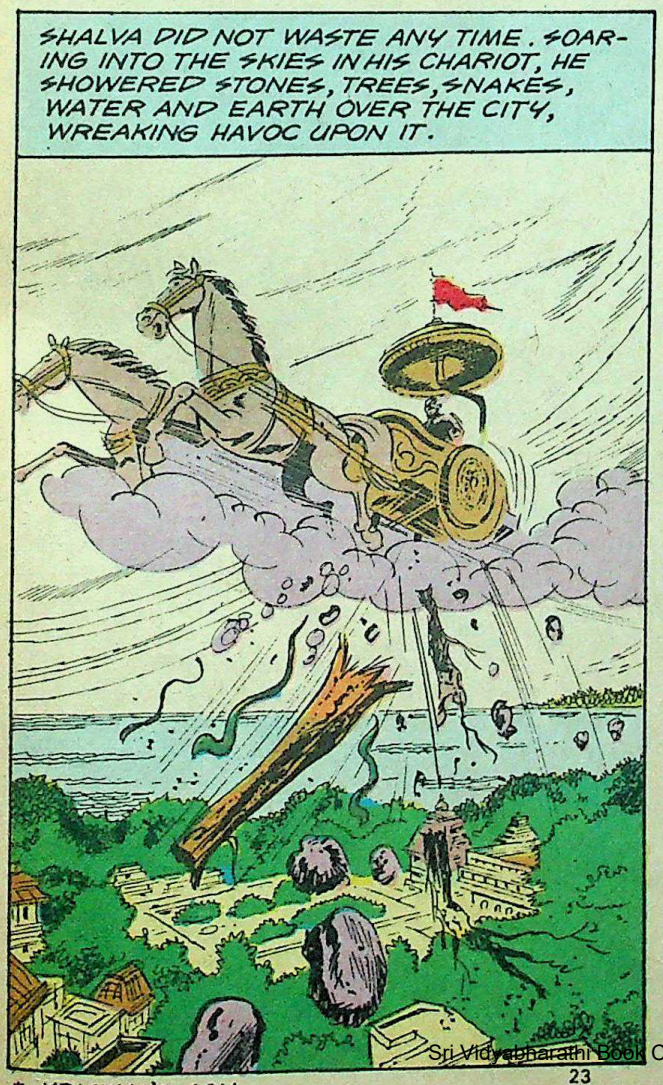

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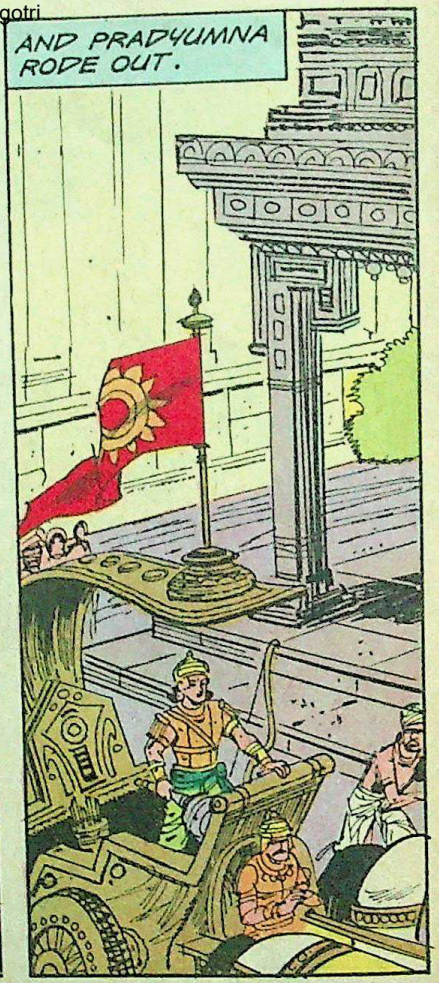

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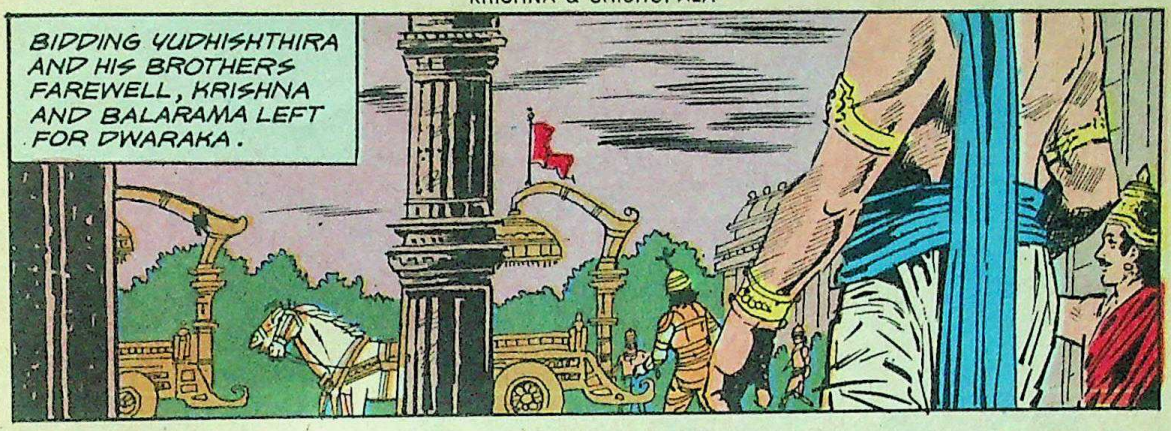

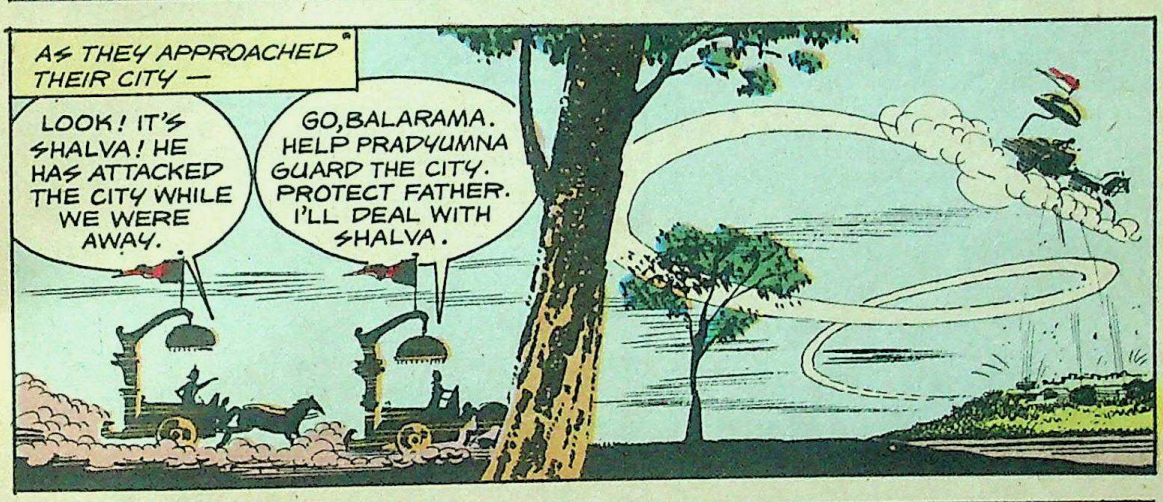

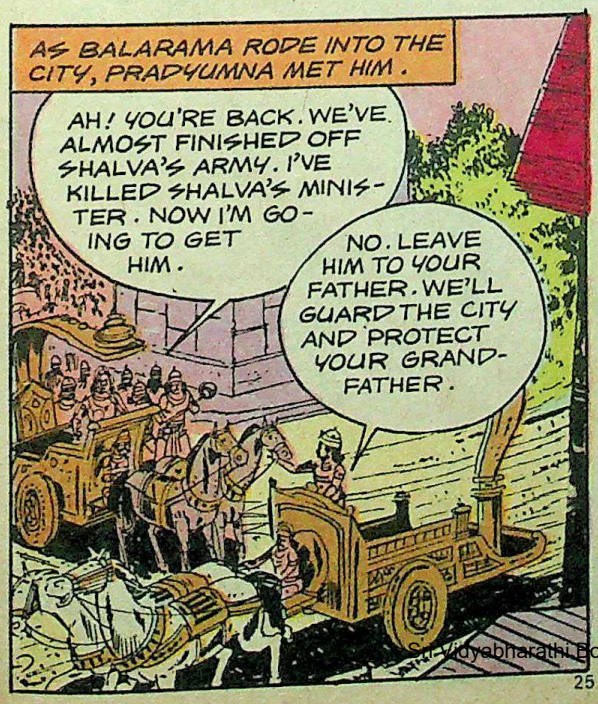

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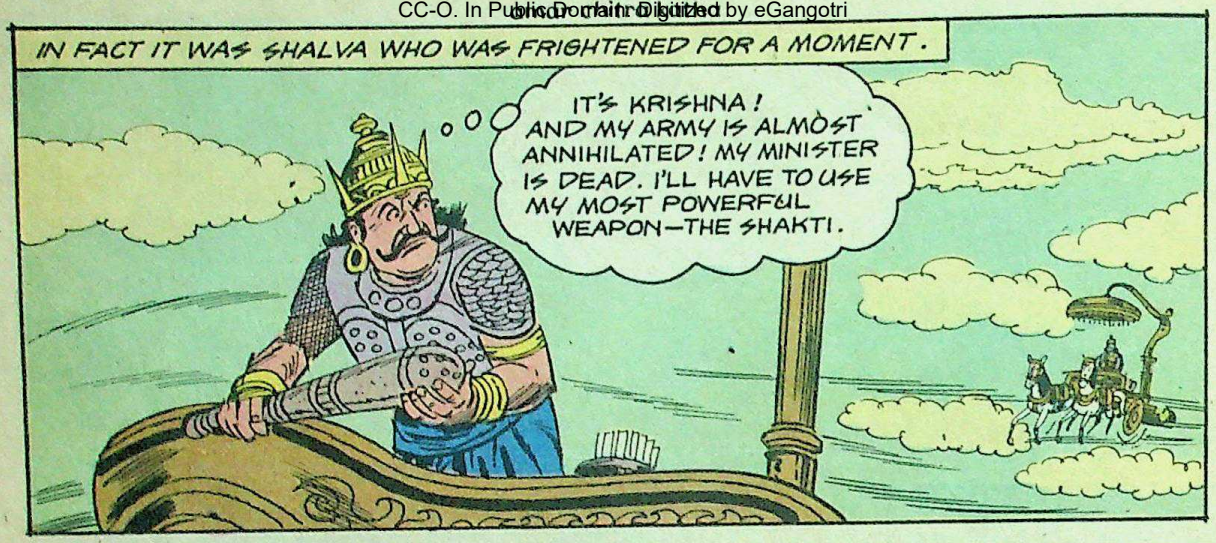

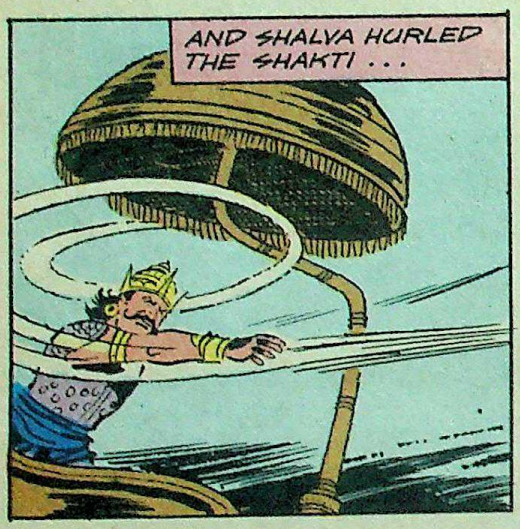

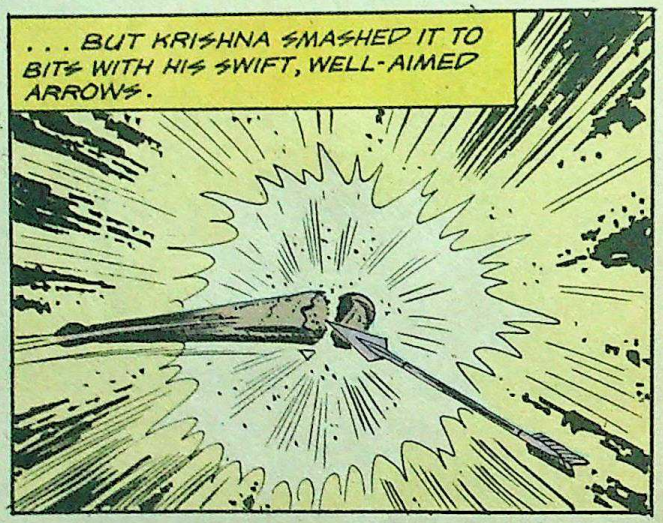

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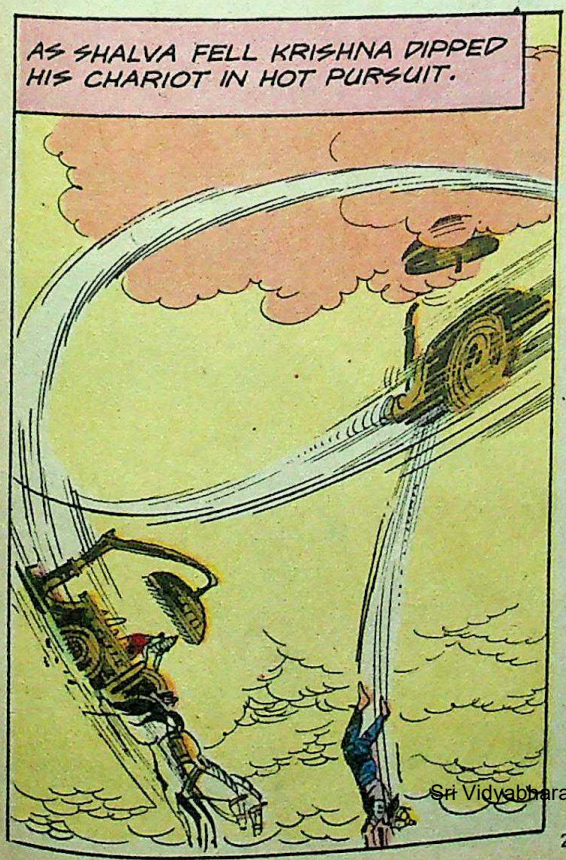

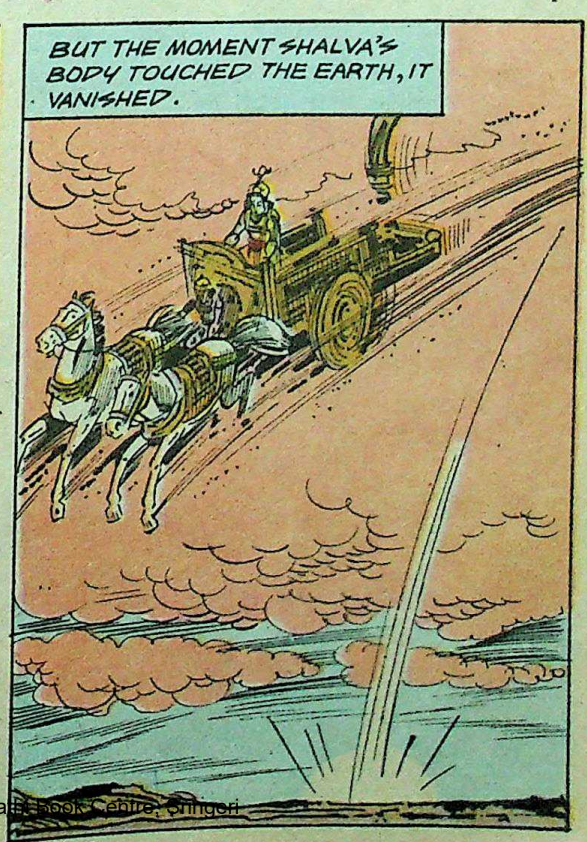

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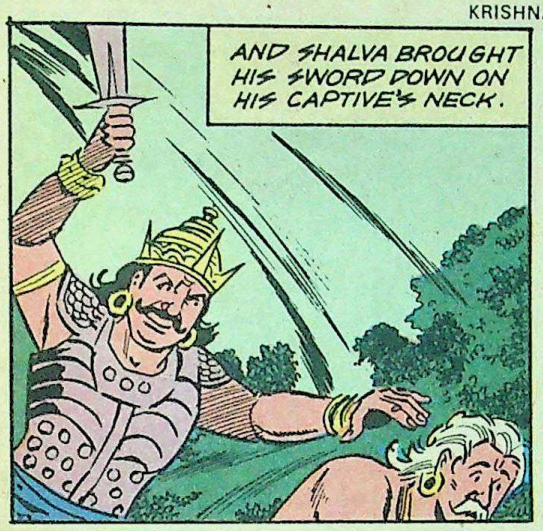

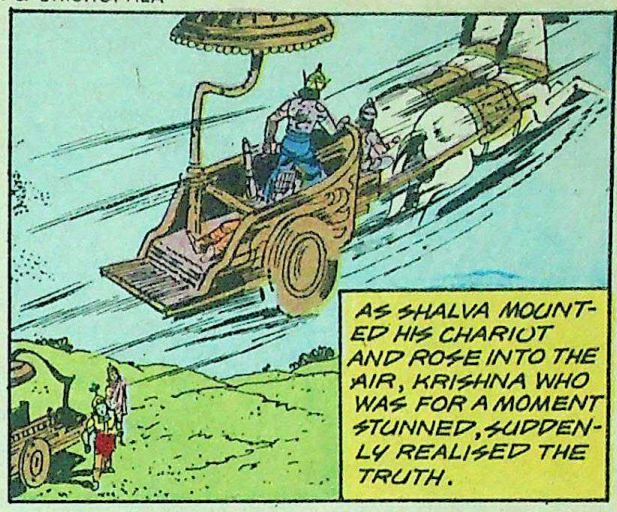

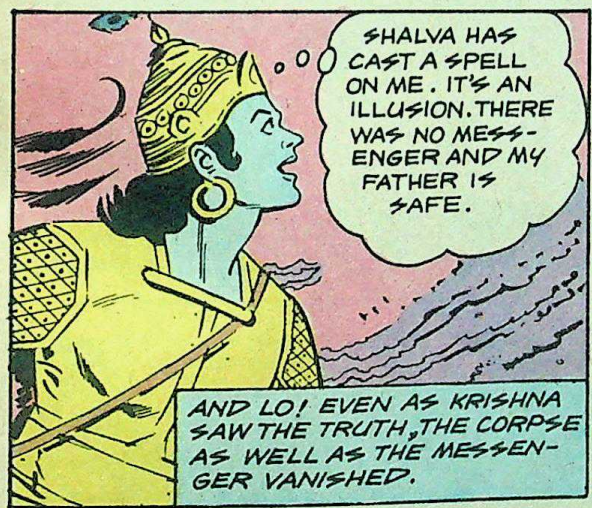

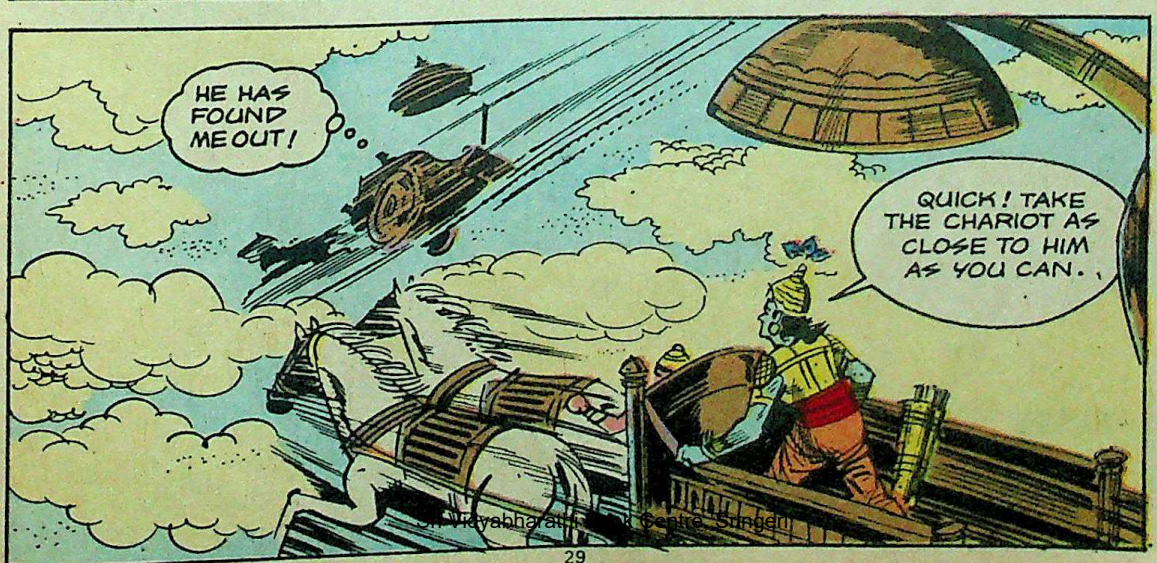

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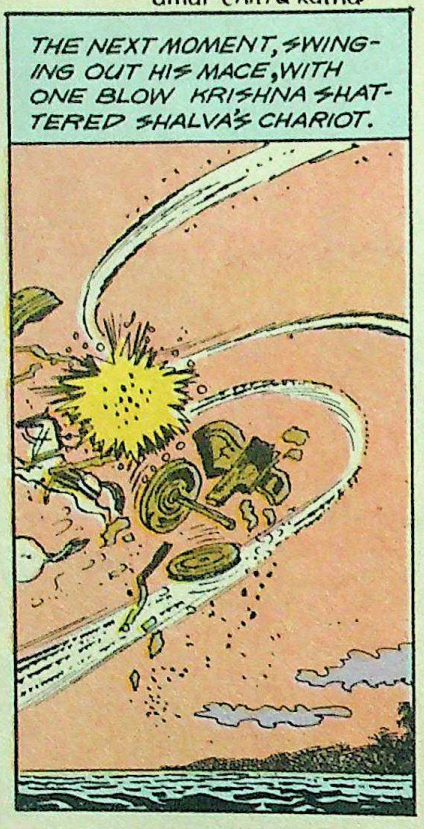

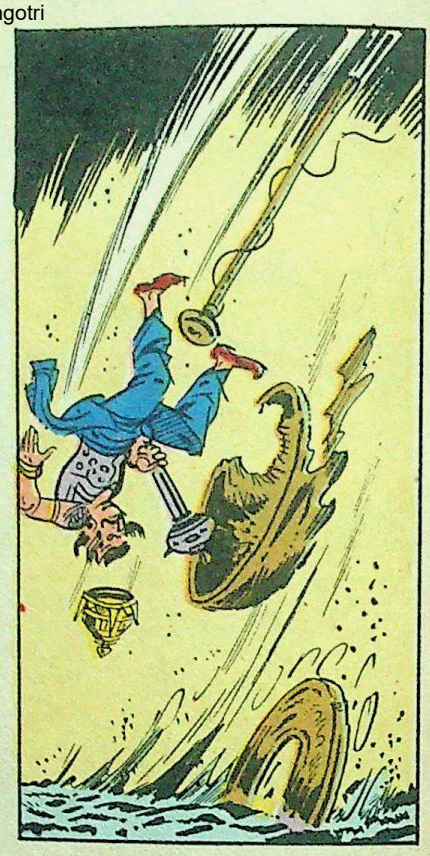

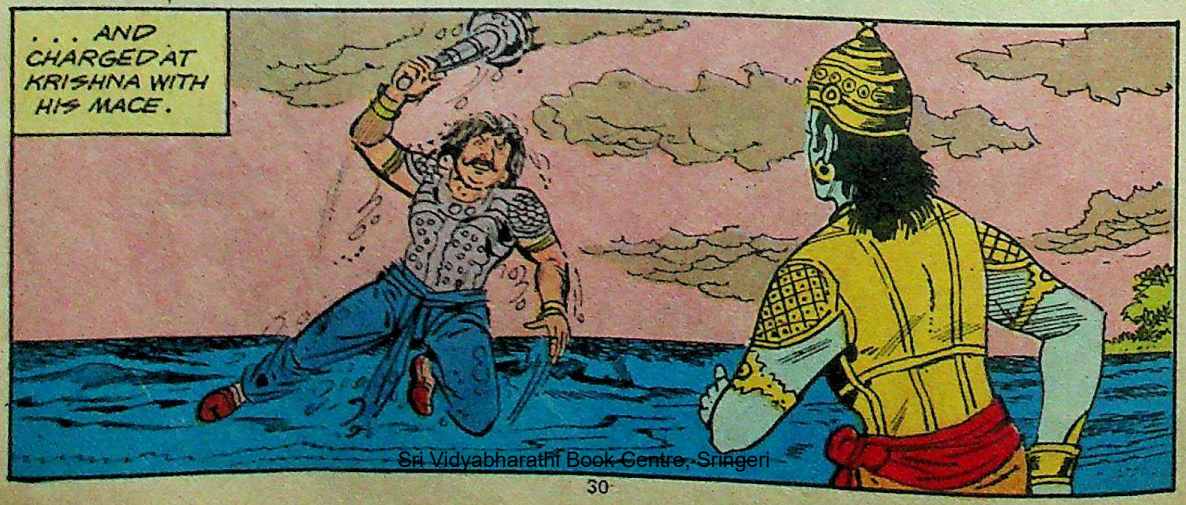

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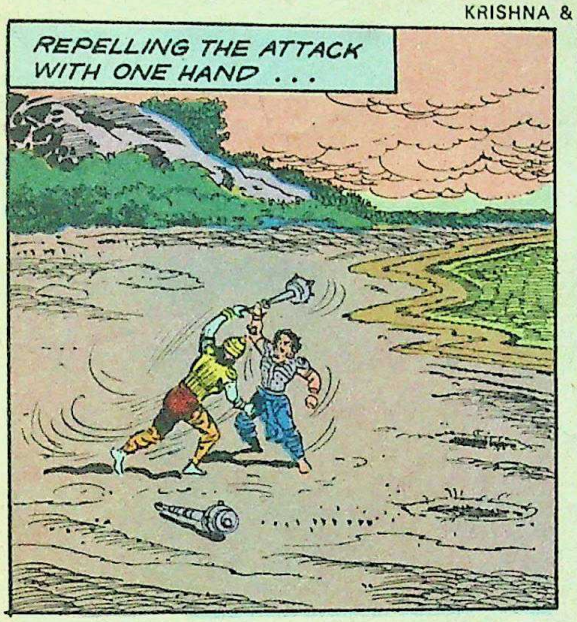

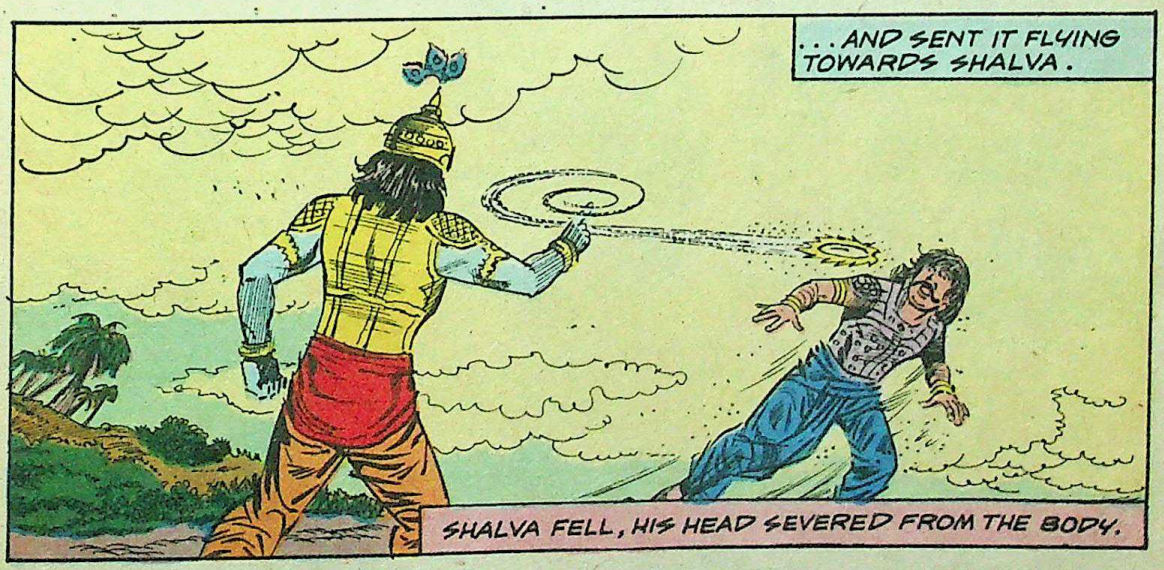

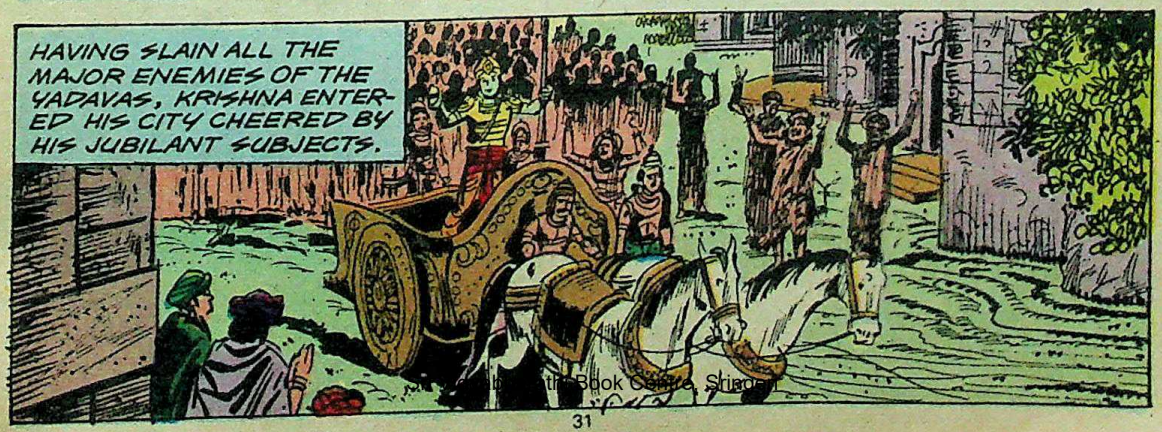

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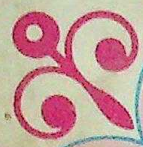

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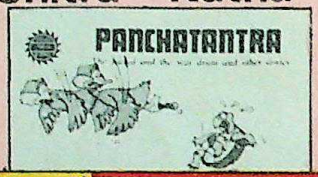

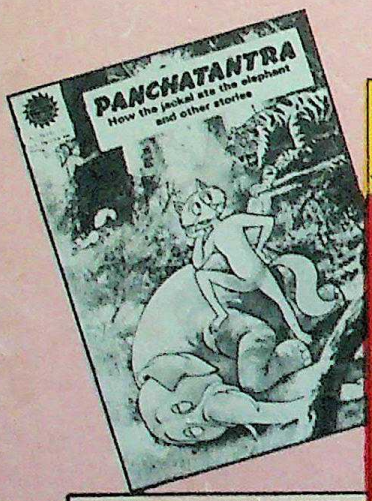

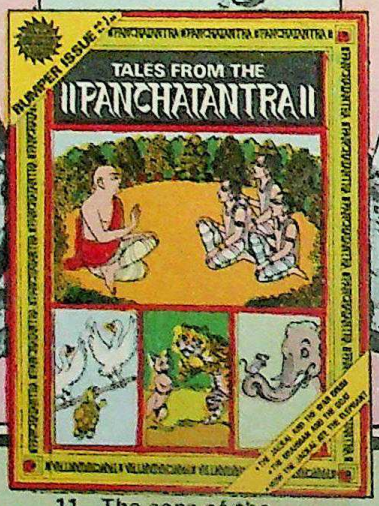

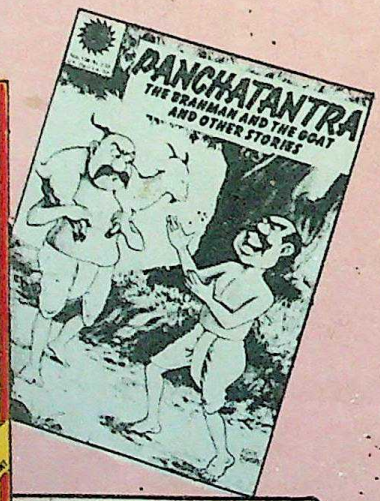

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